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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
Koji NAKAGIRI, et al.)	Examiner: Iraj A. Rahimi
Application No.: 09/912,553)	Group Art Unit: 2622
Filed: July 26, 2001)	Allowed: October 11, 2005
For: PRINT CONTROL APPARATUS)	Confirmation No.: 4598
AND CONTROL METHOD)	January 3, 2006

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

Sir:

Applicants have received a Notice of Allowance, dated October 11, 2005, in the above-identified application. The Issue Fee is due to be paid no later than January 11, 2006, and has not yet been paid. In the interim, this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted for the Examiner's consideration.

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the Japanese patent document listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed patent document and an English language translation of the document also are enclosed.

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STATEMENT

The listed document was recently cited in a Japanese Official Action of a counterpart Japanese patent application corresponding to the above-identified application. The Japanese Official Action is dated November 1, 2005. A copy of the Japanese Official Action also is enclosed.

It is hereby stated that each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement.

FEE

Also enclosed is a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in or credit any overpayment of this fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

REMARKS

Applicants provide the following remarks for the Examiner's consideration. JPA11-348371 (the "'371 document"), which is cited herein, discloses that a computer receives a finisher ID attached to a printer to determine a bookbinding mode. The '371 document further discloses a first bookbinding mode, which binds printed sheets with double-side printing, and a second bookbinding mode, which binds printed sheets by folding a printed sheet with single-side printing to staple an opposite side of the folded side.

Applicants respectfully submit that at least the following features recited in illustrative apparatus Claim 1 are not disclosed in the '371 document:

(1) Side-order setting information designating whether a print side to be printed prior is an inner side or outer side of a print sheet by a folding process; and,

(2) Sheet-order setting information designating whether the print sheet to be printed prior is an outmost side sheet or innermost side sheet by the folding process.

Independent Claim 10 is a method claim and independent Claim 19 is a program product claim, each of which has been formulated on the basis of Claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the '371 document does not disclose the features recited in these claims.

Further, Applicants also respectfully submit that at least the following features recited in independent Claim 6 are not disclosed in the '371 document:

Controlling a layout of each page to arrange pages in consecutive page numbers for each batch document; and,

Controlling an order of transmission of print data by each batch document.

Independent Claim 15 is a method claim and independent Claim 24 is a program product claim, each of which has been formulated on the basis of Claim 6. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the '371 document also does not disclose the features recited in these claims.

In view of the foregoing, it is also respectfully submitted that all of the independent claims are allowable over the '371 document.

CONCLUSION

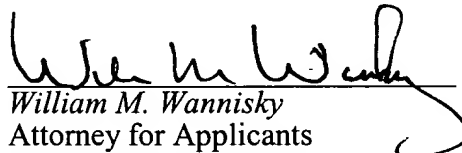
It is earnestly believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely filed and that all requirements for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement under the Rules have been satisfied.

It is also respectfully requested that the cited patent document be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such patent document has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

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